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SUBJ: JUNE MEETING OF IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS: AGENDA

REF: IAEA VIENNA 4655

SUMMARY: WHILE MOST OF THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE BOARD ARE OF ROUTINE INTEREST, MISSION ANTICIPATES CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON SEVERAL; NAMELY, DESIGNATION OF "MOST ADVANCED MEMBERS (REPORTED REFTEL), AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1976, AND JOINTLY-SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PNE ADVISORY GROUP (LAST ITEM NOT COVERED IN THIS MESSAGE). ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUNE BOARD. END SUMMARY.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA - THOUGH IT WILL BE REVISED IN COMING WEEK TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION BY BOARD OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PNE ADVISORY GROUP AND A US RESOLUTION (JOINTLY ENDORSED) IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (TO BE REPORTED SEPTTEL), MISSION RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA, AS REVISED, AS CONTAINED IN GOV/1736.

2. AGENDA ITEM 1 - PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 19TH GC. SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED GOV/1740 CONTAINING PROVISIONAL AGENDA UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMENTS OF BOARD IN

ADVANCE OF ITS PRESENTATION TO SEPTEMBER GC. CONTENTS
OF AGENDA FOLLOW USUAL PATTERN. MISSION RECOMMENDS
APPROVAL DG'S PROPOSED AGENDA.

3. AGENDA ITEM 2 - THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1974 (GOV/1737).
RECOMMENDED ACTION BY THE BOARD: THE A AND B COMMITTEE (ABC)
DECIDED AT ITS APRIL 1975 MEETING TO RECOMMEND THAT THE
BOARD APPROVE THE REPORT ON THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1974
(PRESENTED AS PART I OF THE DRAFT REPORT FOR THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE WHICH IS ATTACHED TO DOCUMENTS GOV/1732 AND
CORR. 1). AND THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT THEREON.
DEBATE REPORTED IN IAEA VIENNA 3413. MISSION RECOMMENDS US
SUPPORT APPROVAL OF THESE REPORTS.

4. AGENDA ITEM 3 - THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1974-75 (ISSUED
IN DRAFT AS GOV/1735 AND ADD.1, ADD.1/REV.1, AND MOD.1).
DG SUGGESTS THAT BOARD APPROVE THE REPORT, ON UNDERSTANDING
THAT DRAFT BE REVISED TO REFLECT LATER OBSERVATIONS AND
BROUGHT UP TO DATE AS OF END JUNE 1975. MISSION RECOMMENDS
SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL REPORT AS MODIFIED AND ADDED TO.

5. AGENDA ITEM 4 - THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1975 (REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR EXPENDITURE NOT PROVIDED FOR IN REGULAR BUDGET).
IAEA VIENNA 3415, PARA 6, INDICATED ABC CHAIRMAN WOULD
PREPARE REPORT OF DISCUSSION ON GOV/1731 (MEMO BY THE
DG ON 1975 BUDGET). AGENCY HAS ISSUED THIS REPORT AS
GOV/1738, WHICH RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ACTION SUGGESTED
IN DG'S MEMO. MISSION WILL FOLLOW GUIDANCE OF STATE 80527
WHICH RECOMMENDS SUPPORT FOR DG'S MEMO.

6. AGENDA ITEM 5 - AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1976.

A. MISSION REPORTED ON 1976 BUDGET IN IAEA VIENNA
2652, 3369, 3537, 3691, 3737 AND A-164. DG, IN RESPONDING
TO PRINCIPAL CRITICISMS OF 1976 DRAFT BUDGET EXPRESSED AT
ABC, HAS INFORMALLY SHOWN MISSION PLANS FOR REDUCING
EXPENDITURES BY ABOUT \$385,000 BY REDUCING PROPOSED
INCREASE IN PROFESSIONAL POSTS IN FOLLOWING AREAS:
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (ONE P-3), FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (ONE
P-4) AND SAFEGUARDS (FIVE AT P-4/P-3 LEVEL); BY REDUCING
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PROPOSED INCREASE IN NON-PROFESSIONAL POSTS AS FOLLOWS:
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION (2) AND SAFEGUARDS (2),
RESULTING IN SAVINGS OF ABOUT \$170,000. IN ADDITION, DG
PROJECTS SAVINGS OF \$63,000 IN CONSULTANTS, \$76,000 IN DUTY
TRAVEL, AND \$76,000 IN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS.
MISSION BELIEVES WE CAN SUPPORT ALL REDUCTIONS EXCEPT TWO NON-
PROFESSIONAL POSTS IN SAFEGUARDS, WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND FROM
ROMETSCH, ARE ESSENTIAL FOR STATISTICAL COMPUTATIONS CAPA-

BILITY OF AGENCY. THESE TWO POSTS WORTH ONLY \$15,000.

B. BITTENCOURT AND LLOYD ARE CONDUCTING VIGOROUS BEHIND SCENES CAMPAIGN TO HAVE P-3 POST IN EQUIPMENT SECTION RESTORED, WHICH THEY INSIST IS BADLY NEEDED TO KEEP UP WITH INCREASED EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT FOR TA PROJECTS. (MISSION IS SYMPATHETIC TO THIS VIEW, SINCE WE KNOW FOR FACT THAT THEY ARE HAVING PROBLEMS KEEPING UP WITH INCREASING WORKLOAD IN THIS SECTION. AS DEPT/ERDA AWARE, THEY RECENTLY REQUESTED COST-FREE EXPERT FROM US TO HELP OUT, BUT IN MEANTIME THEY HIRED FORMER UNIDO EMPLOYEE ON TEMPORARY BASIS, AND ONE SECTION STAFF MEMBER WHO WAS IN HOSPITAL HAS NOW RETURNED SO THAT COST-FREE EXPERT NO LONGER CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL.) WITH FURTHER EXPECTED INCREASE IN TA PROGRAM NEXT YEAR, EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT WILL LIKEWISE INCREASE. LDC'S WILL CERTAINLY INSIST ON HAVING THIS POST RESTORED, WHICH IS WORTH \$21,000. MISSION PROPOSED NOT RPT NOT TO TAKE LEAD IN REQUESTING RESTORATION THIS POST, BUT RECOMMENDS THAT US SUPPORT LDC'S APPEAL, PROVIDED WE CAN GET SOME LDC SUPPORT FOR RESTORING THE TWO SAFEGUARDS NON-PROFESSIONAL POSTS. WITH RESTORATION OF THESE THREE POSTS, PROPOSED SAVINGS WOULD BE REDUCED FROM \$383,000 TO \$349,000.

C. MISSION ALSO INTENDS TO CONTINUE STRONG SUPPORT FOR NEW D-LEVEL POST IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION IF OTHERS RAISE QUESTIONS OR ACTIVELY OPPOSE THIS POST. IN AGENCY'S PRE-BOARD CONSULTATIONS WITH

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MISSION, ROMETSCH HAS BEEN MAKING STRONG APPEAL FOR APPROVAL OF NEW DIRECTOR POST IN SAFEGUARDS, POINTING OUT AGENCY'S WILLINGNESS TO DEFER TO 1977 ITS REQUEST FOR FIVE OTHER NEW PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND HIS INTENTION TO FILL 10-15 EXISTING VACANCIES THIS YEAR TO ENABLE AGENCY TO BE IN POSITION TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS IN EURATOM STATES THIS YEAR. ACCORDING TO HALL, DG WILL INFORM BOARD, IN GREATER DETAIL THAN AT ABC, OF AGENCY'S THOUGHTS ON REORGANIZATION OF INSPECTORATE.

D. TARGET FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH IAEA VIENNA 2652, PARA 5, AND STATE 80987, MISSION WILL SEEK MAINTAIN REASONABLE TARGET FIGURE FOR 1976 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND WILL AGREE TO CONSENSUS ON NO MORE THAN \$5 MILLION. IF CONSENSUS FORCES TARGET HIGHER THAN \$5 MILLION, MISSION WILL, AS INSTRUCTED, NOT OBJECT, BUT WILL POINT OUT US DOES NOT FEEL BOUND TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION EQUIVALENT TO BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT, AND WILL POINT OUT ITS LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND TO AGENCY TA PROGRAM FOR 1975 AS EVIDENCE OF US SUPPORT FOR AGENCY TA PROGRAM.

7. AGENDA ITEM 6 - AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. BOARD WILL HAVE BEFORE IT AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND CMEA
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(GOV/1744). THIS IS ROUTINE ITEM AND MISSION RECOMMENDS USDEL BE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT. SIMILAR AGREEMENT WITH EURATOM, WHICH WAS EARLIER EXPECTED TO BE READY BY JUNE BOARD, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. UNDER THIS SAME AGENDA ITEM, BOARD WILL CONSIDER NOTE FROM DG (GOV/1745) RECOMMENDING THAT FIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ATTENDED 18TH GC AS INVITED OBSERVERS BE AGAIN INVITED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S SESSION (ORGANIZATIONS ARE EURATOM, CMEA, OPEC, INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND JOINT INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH). OCAM, WHICH DID NOT REPLY TO LAST YEAR'S INVITATION, WAS LEFT OFF LIST THIS YEAR. MISSION RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT DG'S RECOMMENDATION.

8. AGENDA ITEM 7 - DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON BOARD IN 1975-76. MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS TRANSMITTED IN IAEA VIENNA 4655.

9. AGENDA ITEM 8 - SAFEGUARDS.

A. BOARD WILL HAVE BEFORE IT STANDARD "MINI"-NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH ETHIOPIA. MISSION RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, BOARD MAY RPT MAY HAVE A SWISS UNILATERAL SUBMISSION BEFORE IT, BUT MISSION DOES NOT HAVE DETAILS. WILL ADVISE IF IT IS ADDED TO AGENDA. MISSION BELIEVES WE SHOULD USE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THIS AGENDA ITEM TO PLACE ON THE RECORD IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER THE USG STATEMENT (STATE 96574) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION RAISED AT BOARD IN FEBRUARY (AND SIMILARLY AT NPT REVCON) BY SWISS WITH RESPECT TO DG'S INTERPRETATION OF AGENCY SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AS PRECLUDING, INTER ALIA, DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, MISSION, HAVING ASCERTAINED THAT OTHER GOVERNORS WILL SUPPORT, WILL ASK FOR FLOOR FOR THIS PURPOSE.

B. STAFF OF THE INSPECTORATE. NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE ASKED FOR UNDER THIS ITEM. DG DOES PLAN TO SEEK APPROVAL IN SEPTEMBER FOR CHANGES IN LIST OF STAFF MEMBERS HE IS AUTHORIZED TO USE AS INSPECTORS.

10. AGENDA ITEM 9 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AS IN THE PAST, UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REPORT (GOV/1734) CONTAINS EXTENSIVE DETAILS OF ONE FACET OF AGENCY'S TA PROGRAM, IN THIS CASE INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. MISSION COMMENDS THIS PRACTICE AND WILL SUPPORT DG'S RECOMMENDATION THAT REPORT BE COMMUNICATED TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

11. AGENDA ITEM 10 - APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE AGENCY. BOARD WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE GC ON THE APPLICATION (CIRCULATED IN GOV/1742) FOR MEMBERSHIP SUBMITTED BY UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA. MISSION RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT FAVORABLE BORD RECOMMENDATION.

12. AGENDA ITEM 11 - REACTOR PROJECTS. BOARD WILL HAVE BEFORE IT A REQUEST FROM DG FOR APPROVAL OF SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIA (STATE 125162 AND IAEA VIENNA 4163). UNLESS HITCH DEVELOPS OR WE ARE INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, MISSION INTENDS SUPPORT AGREEMENT.

13. AGENDA ITEM 12 - APPOINTMENTS TO SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE. DG MAY RPT MAY ASK BOARD TO MAKE MAXIMUM OF TWO APPOINTMENTS TO SAC. WE DO NOT YET HAVE SPECIFICS. WILL ADVISE.

14. AGENDA ITEM 13 - EMOLUMENTS OF THE STAFF. BOARD WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE INTERIM ADJUSTMENT OF SALARY SCALES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION STAFF, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1975. AVERAGE PERCENTAGE RISE IS 7.83 PERCENT,

BASED ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND TARIF-LOHN INDEX AND
ACCORDING TO DG WILL COST \$70,000 WHICH DG CONSIDERS CAN BE
MET FROM CURRENT BUDGET AND PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY
APPROPRIATION (ABOVE, PARA 5). MISSION RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT.

15. OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE BOARD WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.TAPE

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